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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION (IWC)
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011, 7:00 PM
THIRD FLOOR
MEMORIAL BUILDING, TOWN HALL
14 PARK PLACE
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Peterson, John Kopec, Frank Galat, Mark Kalina

STAFF PRESENT: Len Tundermann, Town Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Steve Peterson.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

2.1 Election of Officers

Officers were elected at the February 22, 2011 meeting.

2.2 Communications

Communications received not related to the agenda

2.3 Adoption of the Agenda

Len Tundermann requested addition of an agenda item to request a volunteer to participate on the steering committee for developing LID regulations. Steve Peterson suggested adding 4.7 Low Impact Development.

Motion was made by Mark Kalina to adopt the agenda as stated. Second to motion made by Frank Galat. Motion carried unanimously.

2.4 Acceptance of Minutes

Motion was made by Frank Galat to accept the minutes to the February 22, 2011 meeting. Second motion by John Kopec. Motion carried 3-1. Mark Kalina abstained.

2.5 Call for filing(s) of Intervener petition (s) and determination of status

None

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Application (**IWC-2010-07**) of Barbara Cantor for a Wetlands permit to conduct activities in a wetlands regulated area for the restoration and reconstruction of the retaining wall and storage building at #98 East Main Street (Assessor's ID: Map #40, Block #17, Lot/Parcel #5)

Len Tundermann commented that the engineer had submitted a letter consenting to an extension of the public hearing to the Commission's meeting of April 26, 2011. The survey is not ready to be presented to support the application.

The Public Hearing will be continued to the April 26, 2011 meeting.

3.2 Application (**IWC-2011-01**) of Town of Vernon Planning Department to amend the Vernon Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, specifically (1) Section 7.11.c to add clarifying language relative to exterior work relating to property subject to a conservation or preservation restriction, (2) section 10.9 to add clarifying language regarding permit reversals on appeals by holders of conservation or preservation restricts, and (3) adding section 10.10 regarding ability to file a permit application when the activity will occur on a portion of property not restricted by a conservation or preservation restriction.

Len Tundermann described the several elements of the proposed regulation changes. He pointed out they occasioned by recent legislation.

No one was present from the public, and Steve Peterson closed the public hearing at 7:13 pm.

Motion was made by John Kopec to approve the changes to the Vernon Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. Second to motion made by Mark Kalina. Motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION/ ACTION / ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

4.1 Receipt of Applications & Determination of Significance

None

4.2 Extension of time for Bruce Dinnie, Vernon Parks & Recreation Dept. for a wetlands permit for a handicap ramp at Walker's Reservoir, 130 Reservoir Road.

John Kopec questioned if the applicant must follow the prior regulations that were in place when the permit was originally approved. Len Tundermann said that should probably be the case. It was noted that the original permit is good until February 2012. The Commission agreed that an extension should not be necessary at this time.

4.3 Status of Cease & Correct Orders

No changes

4.4 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report

None

4.5 Inland Wetland Agent – Report

None

4.6 Items added

None


4.7 Low Impact development

Len Tundermann reported that Friends of the Hockanum River Linear Park had been awarded a grant to prepare low impact development (LID) regulations for Vernon and that volunteers were sought from the Town's various land use agencies to serve on a project steering committee. John Kopec volunteered to represent the IWC on the steering committee, and Mark Kalina agreed to be an alternate on the steering committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mark Kalina to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M.
Second to motion was made by Frank Galat. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Blanche Perillo